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Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety

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Whatcom County Planning Commission
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RE: Proposed Pipeline Safety & Development Changes - Docket #ZON2007-00014

The Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety (CCOPS) fully supports the Whatcom County Pipeline Safety & Development Changes as proposed in Docket #ZON207-00014

CCOPS has been directly involved with the efforts at the local, state and national level to develop and implement guidelines and best practices for land use in proximity to Hazardous Liquid and Gas Transmission Pipelines.

We are active members of the team that received a Federal grant to provide education and technical support to local governments in Washington State in addressing these land use issues and implementing guidelines and best practices.

The above mentioned proposed Whatcom County Ordinance is a very positive step toward implementation of the land use guidelines and best practices in order to prevent and minimize unnecessary risk to the public health, safety, and welfare due to hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines.

Sincerely,

Bob Archey
Chair, Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety